

| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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1. This communication is responsive to 8/1/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8, 10-17, 22, 23 and 34-36.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/3/05
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

Khanh Dinh
8/3/05

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This is in response to the Amendment filed on 8/1/2005. Claims 1-4, 9, 18-21, 24-33 are canceled. Claims 5-8, 10-17, 22, 23 and new claims 34-36 are presented for examination.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christian A. Nicholes (the Undersigned Attorney, Reg. No.50,266) on 8/17/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 5; 35 and 36 as follows:

In claim 5, line 10, after the phrase "to pass communication without information loss;", please **delete** "and".

In claim 35, line 10, after the phrase "to pass communication without information loss;", please **delete** "and".

In claim 36, line 10, after the phrase "to pass communication without information loss;", please **delete** "and".

In the Specification

Please **replace** the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for implementing network management policies is provided. A communication path is determined that passes through a domain of a network. The communication path characterizes the first domain as a node, but does not lose information. A management policy is then implemented using the communication path. Another aspect of the invention provides a method implementing a management policy using topology reduction. A network is abstracted into domains, and each domain may be cloudified if that domain is determined to have a cloudification characteristic. Domains that are cloudified are subsequently represented as having reduced topology and internal connectivity, but this representation does not incur information loss when management policies are implemented using the cloudified domains. In other aspects, the invention provides a computer-readable medium and system configured to carry out the foregoing.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5-8, 10-17, 22, 23 and 34-36 are allowed.

Reason for allowance

4. This communication warrants no examiner's reason for allowance, as applicant's reply makes evident the reason for allowance, satisfying the record as whole as required by rule 37 CFR 1.104(e). In this case, the substance of applicant's remarks filed on 8/1/2005 with respect to the added claim limitation point out the reason claims are patentable over the prior art of record. Thus, the reason for allowance is in all probability evident from the record and no statement for examiner's reason for allowance is necessary (see MPEP 13202.14).

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung, can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300..

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